## WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway Ogden, UT

# General Board Meeting October 7, 2020

The Board of Education of Weber School District held a Board Meeting in the Board Rooms at 5320 Adams Avenue Parkway, Washington Terrace, Utah. The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

The following Board Members and Superintendency were present:

Jon Ritchie President
Dean Oborn Vice President
Jan Burrell Board Member
Douglas Hurst Board Member
Paul Widdison Board Member
Janis Christensen Board Member
Jeff Stephens Superintendent

Art Hansen Assistant Superintendent Lori Rasmussen Assistant Superintendent Robert Petersen Business Administrator

Board member, Bruce Jardine joined via Zoom.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance: Board member, Paul Widdison
- 2. Consent Calendar
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrant Register
  - C. Budget Update
  - D. New Hires
  - E. Bid/Purchase Approvals
  - F. Leave of Absence Requests
  - G Fraud Risk Assessment
- 3. Recognitions
  - A. Technical Services Department E + Team Award
- 4. <u>Discussion/Action Items</u>
  - A. Approve LEA Licenses and Endorsements for October 2020

# AGENDUM ITEM #2 - Consent Calendar

#### A. Minutes

That the minutes for the Study Session and General Board Meeting Session dated September 2, 2020, be approved.

## B. Warrant Register

That check numbers 00014282 through 00014604; and 00519612 through 00520915 totaling \$13,996,029.55 dated September 29, 2020, be approved.

That check numbers 00014055 through 00014187; and 00518213 through 00519046 totaling \$13,825,054.22 dated July 31, 2020, be approved.

# C. Budget Update

That the budget update dated September 29, 2020, be approved.

#### D. New Hires

That the list of personnel changes and additions dated August 28, 2020, through October 1, 2020, be approved.

# E. Bid/Purchase Approvals

That the purchase of Curtains for the Large Auditorium at Roy High School at a cost of \$58,965 be approved.

That the purchase of five (5) new Maintenance Vehicles at a cost of \$164,617.04 be approved.

#### F. Leave of Absence Requests

## G. Approval of Fraud Risk Assessment

Board President, Jon Ritchie, called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Dean Oborn Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the above Consent Calendar be approved. Voting was unanimous in support of this motion.

# **AGENDUM ITEM #3 – Recognitions**

# A. Technical Services Department - E+ Team Award

Lori Rasmussen, Assistant Superintendent, began by introducing the Tech Department members in attendance. Wayne Hadfield, Alex Korkishko, Brandon Weicks, Chantel Heim, Jennifer Dennis, Dawn Paul, Jared Ganske and Blayne Christensen. She explained the purpose and criteria of the *E+ Team Award* is to recognize the contributions and importance of teamwork. The team should have exemplified expectations plus, over a period of time. The team should be respected by other employees and patrons of the district. The team should play an active role in district operations. The team should show evidence of committed professional improvement. Lori stated this team more than meets these expectations.

Lori also recognized the fine leadership of Lynn Raymond, Director and Nick Harris, Supervisor. They both began as teachers in Weber School District. Lynn began in the Tech Department as a building tech and Nick serves on several State committees.

Lori shared that our Tech department has that "Can Do" attitude and how many of them cancelled their summer vacations because we were dealing with COVID-19. Chromebooks had to be sent out and configured to work with Xfinity WiFi. There are so many things tech services do on a daily basis behind the scenes and all the work they do is for the kids.

The responsibilities of those in attendance were then shared:

- Wayne Hadfield Security Cameras
- Alex Korkishko- Communication and Web Security
- Brandon Weicks Chromebooks and iPads
- Chantel Heim- School Tech at Fremont High School
- Jennifer Dennis- Mobile Device Team working with Chromebooks
- Dawn Paul- Head Secretary for Tech Services in charge of purchasing Smartboards, computers and Chromebooks
- Jared Ganske- Network Manager, oversees the data center
- Blayne Christensen- Software Development working with databases

Prior to the soft closure, the Tech Department had prepared us with 15,000 Chromebooks in our 1:1 schools. They had to reconfigure Chromebooks to connect to different community Wifi points, and rerouting our ISM's. They also teamed with the Curriculum Department to provide training and support for teachers. They held a Google meet every day during the soft closure and engineers were available daily. They also supported the online graduations held at the end of last school year.

Larry Hadley, Director of Human Resources commented how they have served like a swiss army knife during the last several months and how every department in the district has asked for their help with something. They helped develop Canvas courses, the new classified evaluation process, TalentEd program, added more tech to recruiting processes, hosted digital interviews, and provided valuable data and information. When they are called they answer. This is a well-deserved award for all of them.

Cami Alexander, Director of Elementary Education, describes them as responsive and a "big deal". They are there at a moment's notice and their ability to adjust as needed is incredible. Their assessing needs and training is exemplary. During COVID, we could not do it without them and we are very appreciative.

Gina Butters, shared a quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has". This quote describes this wonderful team and all they do. The virtual graduations that were pulled off last spring were so important for morale to students and everyone. When the wind storm hit the Bonneville cone, Lynn Raymond was available to help with generators at schools.

Lori concluded by thanking them for all they do and also thanked Trent Bills for all of his behind the scenes work he does each month for Board Meeting.

## AGENDUM ITEM #4 – Discussion/Action Items

## A. Approve LEA Licenses and Endorsements

Larry Hadley, Human Resources Director, noted following the Board approval of Policy 7135, we have this month's list of recently hired or currently employed teachers that fall under the new LEA specific licensing procedures. It is requested the Board approve the LEA License and Endorsement lists for October 2020.

Motion: Jan Burrell Seconded: Dean Oborn

That the LEA License and Endorsement list be approved. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

After determining no further business need be conducted, President Ritchie called for a motion to adjourn the general session of Board Meeting.

Motion: Janis Christensen Seconded: Jan Burrell

That the general session of Board Meeting be adjourned. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion

General Board Meeting adjourned at: 6:54 p.m.